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Brookhaven moves forward with park and comprehensive city planning efforts

Brookhaven, GA Mar. 11, 2014 – The City of Brookhaven is moving forward with two large-scale planning initiatives for city parks and comprehensive land use.

The city has selected planning firm Lose & Associates, Inc. to lead the Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan and engineering firm Jacobs to lead the Brookhaven Comprehensive Plan 2034. Both firms participated in in a formal evaluation process.

The Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan will evaluate existing conditions and identify future needs for city parks and facilities. Lose & Associates, Inc. will work with city staff and members of the public to create benchmarking standards and goals for upgrades and expansion efforts, including the creation of a community work program. The proposed planning timeline for this project is approximately 18 weeks and will cost \$90,000.

The Brookhaven Comprehensive Plan 2034 will be a 28-week long study that looks at future growth and development for the entire city over the next 20 years. Jacobs will work with city staff and members of the public to address community goals, needs and opportunities. The plan will include appropriate land use measures, economic development goals, and future population needs related to city services, housing, transportation and community facilities. This project is expected to cost \$147,950.

Both planning processes will include a nexus among other large-scale city planning initiatives, including the Brookhaven Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the Buford Highway Improvement Plan and Economic Development Strategy.

Members of the public are welcome to share input at Brookhaven Steering Committee Meetings for the respective projects or in written email to the respective project email addresses listed below:

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan: parksandrecreationplan@brookhavenga.gov
- Comprehensive Plan 2034: comprehensiveplan@brookhavenga.gov
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan: transportationplan@brookhavenga.gov
- Buford Highway Improvement Plan & Economic Development Strategy: <u>bufordhwyplan@brookhavenga.gov</u>

Related planning documents including meeting minutes, schedules, agendas, draft illustrations and draft plans will be available for public review at brookhavenga.gov.

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